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RE: SUPPORT OF HB 6355

Senator Winfield, Representative Stafstrom, ranking member Kissel and Fishbein, and distinguished member of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to you today in support House Bill 6355: Establishing Extreme Risk Protection Orders in Connecticut. The Connecticut legislature passed its risk warrant law back in 1999. Now is the time to update these provisions to include the best practices from other jurisdictions. This update of our law will provide greater protections to the citizens of Connecticut against foreseeable gun violence.

The Extreme Risk Protection legislation is well balanced by including ex-parte components, that do not violate the due process rights of gun owners or those who wish to acquire guns. Temporary prohibition ex parte is a minimal burden on the applicant vs the valid governmental interest in protecting public health and safety from foreseeable gun violence. There will be sufficient procedural safeguards to protect against any erroneous deprivation of rights.

In voting HB6355 to update our prior law with enhance best practices learned in the past twenty years will afford the people of Connecticut greater protection against foreseeable violence .

Sincerely,

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